



2014 Ambassadors' HIV Prevention Program

The U.S. Embassy, Belmopan, is pleased to announce that it is currently accepting proposals for funding through the 2014 Ambassador's HIV Prevention Program (AHPP). The AHPP is a project of the Department of State's Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator and is administered by the Central American Regional Office of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR).

The U.S. Embassy will prioritize proposals which present creative, original and innovative ideas. Though no single grant proposal should exceed 10,000 USD, any organization can make more than one proposal. Proposals should focus on community-based prevention activities to reduce the spread of HIV, reduce AIDS-related stigma and discrimination and encourage communities to cooperate in fighting the epidemic. It is recommended that proposals focus on most-at-risk populations (MARPS) and persons engaged in high-risk behaviors.

Eligible organizations must be local groups including local community based organizations (CBOs), local non-governmental organizations (NGOs), local faith-based organizations (FBOs), clubs, and individuals.

Proposals should include a description of the proposed project, i.e. what is to be done and how the project will achieve its goals and objectives. Objectives must be clearly stated and must be measurable. Proposals must include a budget (with amounts reflected in U.S. dollars) with narrative, unit costs and a timeline indicating when projects will begin and end. To facilitate planning, execution, and reporting proposed project timelines should not exceed nine months.

The funds may be used to support activities in the following areas:

- a) Reducing HIV-related stigma
- b) Encouraging activities enlisting the input and involvement of PLWHAs (People Living with HIV/AIDS)
- c) Improving media coverage of the epidemic, affected individuals and populations, new HIV programs, and prevention activities in the community
- d) Promoting activities for risk-reduction and prevention messages, voluntary counseling and testing, and programs such as preventing mother-to-child transmission
- e) Supporting activities that will benefit the affected population and promote greater public awareness and stigma reduction. They can include training and/or workshops for healthcare workers, hosting public speakers on relevant topics, promotional contests, etc.
- f) Funds should be allocated toward HIV prevention, care and support or capacity building NOT for direct costs of treatment.

Funds **may not** be used for the following:

- a) The purchase of food
- b) Furniture or equipment purchases (i.e., computers, office equipment and supplies, recreational devices and equipment)
- c) Procurement of consumables for treatment or testing programs
- d) Procurement of antiretroviral drugs
- e) Large-scale programs requiring more than one-time funding or exceeding 10,000 USD
- f) Salaries and benefits for staff or volunteers
- g) Supplanting existing funding
- h) Supporting organizations/groups/individuals that are currently funded by any other PEPFAR programs

Proposals should be sent to the U.S. Embassy via email to embbelize@state.gov with the subject line: **“HIV Grant Proposal”** no later than **March 1, 2014 and 5:00 p.m.** Questions can be directed to tel: 501-822-4011 ext. 4115 or send an e-mail to embbelize@state.gov, with the subject line: **“HIV Grant Proposal.”**